AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting at Page 1, line 1, with the following replacement paragraph:

This application is a continuation of application No. 09/461,191, filed December 15, 1999, which claims priority from provisional application No. 60/152,316, filed September 3, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph starting at Page 22, line 1 (Abstract), with the following replacement paragraph:

A unified web-based voice messaging system provides voice application control between a web browser and an application server via an hypertext transport protocol (HTTP) connection on an Internet Protocol (IP) network. ~~The web browser receives an HTML page from the application server having an XML element that defines data for an audio operation to be performed by an executable audio resource.~~ The application server generates and maintains a server-side data record, also referred to as a "brownie", that includes application state information and user attribute information for an identified user session with the web browser. The application server, in response to receiving a new web page request from the browser, initiates a web application instance to begin a transient application session with the browser~~, and generates the brownie for the user of the application session~~. The brownie also includes a session identifier that uniquely identifies the session with the user of the application session. The application server stores the brownie in a memory resident within the server side of the network,

and sends to the browser the session identifier and the corresponding web page requested by the web browser. ~~In response to receiving a second web page request from the browser that includes the session identifier, the application server initiates a new web application instance, and recovers the brownie from the memory based on the session identifier included in the second page request. Hence, the application server is able to resume processing relative to the prior application state and user attributes specified in the brownie, providing a state-full session for the user without the passing of the application state and the user attributes to the browser as cookies.~~